(a) whether it is a fact that services rendered under other Government of India Public Sector Undertakings need to be reckoned with while calculating Voluntary Retirement compensation in respect of employees of Indian Telephone Industries Limited, who took voluntary retirement as per scheme notified by DPE's OM dated 5th May, 2000;

(b) if so, whether some employees of I.T.I. Rai Bareli were deprived of this benefit while calculating their Voluntary Retirement ex-gratia; and

(c) if so, what corrective measures Government propose to take to do justice with such erstwhile employees of the Rai Bareli Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Department of Public Enterprises O.M. dated 5th May, 2000 does not mention reckoning of previous services rendered under other Government of India Public Sector Undertaking while calculating Voluntary Retirement compensation. However, DPE O.M. No. 2(32)/97-DPE(WC) dated 28th February, 2002 provides for the following:—

> "If the service with each PSU is continuous (without break) and PF and Earned Leave have been transferred from one PSU to other PSU, then past service may be counted in case the employees avails himself of VRS/VSS as per the scheme notified by DPE's O.M. dated 5th May, 2000."

(b) No employee of Rai Bareli unit of ITI Limited, who fulfilled the eligibility criteria as per DPE guidelines as above, has been denied the benefits of past service rendered in other Government of India Public Sector Undertakings, while calculating VR ex-gratia.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Distribution of SIM cards in Chhattisgarh

†3245. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3743 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April 2005 and state:

(a) the number of SIM, Cards distributed alongwith the number of those whose distributions has been kept pending in Chhattisgarh during the last two years;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of willing subscribers whose names figure in the district-wise waiting list; and

(d) the details of targets fixed for the district-wise distribution of SIM Cards during the year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) In Chhattisgarh, the number of subscribers provided with mobile connections by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during the last two financial years (from April 2003 to March 2005) are 39,396 and 1,14,859 applicants are in waiting list as on 30.11.2005.

(b) to (d) Details of the information pertaining to mobile connections provided by BSNL (upto November 2005), waiting list and target fixed for 2005-06, telecom district-wise are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Telecom District	Distribution of SIM during 2003-04	Distribution of SIM during 2004-05	SIM distributed during 2005-06 (upto 30.11.05)	Waiting list as on 30.11.05	Target for 2005-06
1	Raipur	4060	9186	10307	28978	30000
2	Bilaspur	4363	6683	5347	22311	15000
3	Durg	2105	4884	6444	25182	24000
4	Bastar	2064	950	3430	21392	15000
5	Raigarh	1960	421	1331	7082	7000
6	Sarguja	2027	693	2858	10003	9000
	TOTAL:	16579	22817	29717	114859	100000

Provision of telephones in N.E. Region

3246. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details Village Panchayats in the North Eastern Region where telephone facilities has not been provided so far; and

(b) the details of steps being taken by Government for providing telephone facilities to each Village Panchayats of NER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) 1,933